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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES
(Not Approved by the Academic Senate)

September 27, 1995

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Len Schmaltz. Secretary Jan Cook called the roll and declared a quorum present.

Seating of New Senator

Senator Schmaltz introduced new student senator Ryan Koehl, new president of the Student Government Association.

Approval of Minutes

Motion XXVII-13 to approve the minutes of September 13, 1995 carried on a voice vote.

Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Len Schmaltz added two items to the agenda: 1) Approval of faculty appointments to external committees; 2) Approval of Student Government Association recommendation of student member to Honorary Degree Committee.

The Chair also announced the appointment of Pat Jarvis, Psychology, to the University Appeals Committee. This appointment replaces a resignee from last semester.

Vice Chairperson's Remarks

Vice Chair Chris Harrison announced corrections to the Academic Senate member list. He welcomed new SGA president Ryan Koehl.

Student Government Association President's Remarks

SGA President Ryan Koehl expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a member of the Academic Senate and hopes to help the student body move in a more positive direction.

Administrators' Remarks

President Strand welcomed Senator Koehl and expressed appreciation to Senator Mendiola for his support as a representative of the University at the Board of Regents meetings.

He gave an overview of the Facilities Enhancement Project. Approval by the Board of Higher Education is required for the project, even though there are no state dollars associated with the project as proposed. A positive result in a student referendum is necessary to obtain support from Board of Higher Education. A second student referendum on this subject will be held, therefore,

during the latter part of the current fall semester or early next spring. The University Enhancement Project would involve over \$60,000,000.

The final meeting of the Board of Regents will be held December 7 in Springfield (rather than at ISU as previously scheduled). President Strand will be attending the Board of Higher Education meeting next week; he will present an overview of the productivity report that was submitted this summer in response to the PQP program.

Questions:

Senator Schmid asked if the Facilities Enhancement Project would be taken to the Board of Higher Education if it were voted down in the student referendum. President Strand responded that it would not.

Provost Urice had no remarks.

Vice President Gurowitz reported the new Director of the Student Judicial Office is Richard Olshak. There have been many applications for the position of Director of the Office of Residential Life. Currently, 24 male students are in supplemental housing.

Vice President Taylor reported the new budget was approved and accepted by the Board of Regents; it will next go to the Board of Higher Education for approval. Ron Jones has been appointed interim Comptroller.

SPECIAL TOPIC

"Constitution" -- Senator Nelsen, Member of the Joint Transition Review Committee

Alterations to university constitutions will be left to the individual universities and their new governing boards. The Transition Team is not recommending any changes to the ISU Constitution at this time. Any change to the Constitution must first be approved by the Academic Senate, then submitted to the Board of Trustees.

Questions and discussion on the Constitution followed.

Action Items:

1. Motion XXVII-14: Senator Johnson moved the Senate approve the 1997-98 Academic Calendar (second, Gurowitz). Debate on the calendar followed.

Motion XXVII-15 - Senator Brooks (second, Weber) moved the following amendments be made to the calendar: Begin the fall semester on Monday, August 18; keep the Fall Break Day in the calendar; begin the Thanksgiving break at 10 p.m. on Monday, November 24. Debate on the amendment followed.

Motion XXVII-16 - Senator Walker (second, Weber) moved the amendment made by Senator Brooks be amended as follows: Eliminate the Fall Break Day and begin the Thanksgiving break on Friday, November 21 at 10 p.m., making a week-long Thanksgiving break. Debate on this amendment followed.

Roll call vote on Senator Walker's amendment to the Brooks amendment (Motion XXVII-16):
Y - 24; No - 11; Abstentions - 3.

Motion XXVII-17 by Senator Walker (second, K. Strand) to move the previous question carried on a voice vote.

Roll call vote to amend the 1997-98 Academic Calendar with the Senator Brooks amendment (Motion XXVII-15), as amended by Walker: Y - 22; N - 12; Abstentions - 4.

Motion XXVII-18 by Senator Nelsen (second, Walker) to move the previous question carried on a voice vote.

Division of the House vote to approve the 1997-98 Academic Calendar, (Motion XXVII-14) as amended: Y - 22; N - 13; Abstentions - 3.

2. Motion XXVII-19 by Senator Walker (second, Jerich) to approve the student member of the Honorary Degree Committee recommended by the Student Government Association carried on a voice vote.

SGA Honorary Degree Committee member: Angela Langer
Student Legislator

3. Motion XXVII-20 by Senator McCaw (second, Harrison) to approve the Rules Committee recommendations for faculty appointments to external committees carried on a voice vote.
Appointments are as follows:

SCERB

David Tucker (SED)
Joe Solberg (FIL) - Alternate

SCERB Student Grievance Committee

Myrna Stephens (HPER)
Richard Boser (IT) - Alternate

University Curriculum Committee

Dee Kilgo (ART)
Diana Jones (HPER)
Charles Griffin (SOC/ANT)

Communications

Senator Razaki (Senate faculty representative to ISU Foundation) reported the Foundation Board will meet in November. One suggestion for use of Foundation money is to use it to increase the faculty monetary awards, such as the awards for Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Researcher. Senators with questions regarding the Foundation or suggestions for use of Foundation money should contact Senator Razaki.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee Senator Walker reported the Committee met and discussed, with Dr. Alan Dillingham, the students' request for a review of a Reading Day. The Committee also discussed final exam policies.

Administrative Affairs Committee No report.

Faculty Affairs Committee No report.

Budget Committee No report.

Rules Committee No report.

Student Affairs Committee No report.

Motion XXVII-21 by Senator Kapoor (second, Miller) to adjourn carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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